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PRESS RELEASE

Suspect Charged in Abuse of Elderly Woman

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A warrant was issued Wednesday, October 1, 2008 for Dale Alder, a 43 year old Mundy resident charging him with CSC I and vulnerable elder abuse. Alder was the care giver for a 94 year old woman at a home in the 5000 block of Fenton Road. The victim was taken to McLaren Hospital on Saturday. At the hospital, the doctors determined that the victim had suffered a traumatic brain injury and that she was the victim of a sexual assault.

The suspect was arrested Sunday and has been arraigned on the charges. The CSC I charge is punishable by a life term and the vulnerable adult abuse is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Bond was set at \$95,000 and he is still in custody in the county jail.

While the victim's condition was serious and she was in ICU, she has recovered sufficiently to be discharged and has been transferred to an adult care facility in the Frankenmuth area.

The quick apprehension of the suspect was the result of initiative on the part of Officer Tim Cook in his efforts to locate the suspect after the complaint was received. Detective Mike Neering conducted the follow up investigation that provided valuable evidence that resulted in these charges. The commendable work of the officers brought a dangerous person to justice and likely saved an elderly victim from further serious injury.